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LETTER DATED 1 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I transmit herewith a letter dated 9 April 1992 from Mr. Ahmad Hussein, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning United States cooperation with certain States in operations involving the counterfeiting of Iraqi currency.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 9 April 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

The United States Central Intelligence Agency has taken a further step in the series of hostile measures adopted by United States policy vis-à-vis Iraq with the aim of destroying the economic and social structure of Iraq by cooperating with certain States (Saudi Arabia and Iran) in operations involving the counterfeiting of Iraqi currency, with the resultant grave impact of this illegitimate action on the Iraqi economy, which is still suffering from the effects of the economic sanctions imposed on it for the last 19 months.

I wish to draw your attention to the report broadcast by the United States news network CNN on 15 March 1992 and the report published in the British newspaper The Sunday Telegraph concerning the United States Central Intelligence Agency's smuggling of large quantities of counterfeit Iraqi currency into the country through neighbouring countries - Jordan, Iran, Turkey and Saudi Arabia - in order to destabilize the economy of Iraq and destroy the purchasing power of Iraqi citizens, who are, in fact, suffering from the effects of the inflation resulting from the economic sanctions. I wish also to enclose* for your perusal a cheap example of the methods of United States anti-Iraq policy whereby it seeks to disrupt the stability of internal conditions in Iraq by endeavouring to undermine confidence in the Iraqi currency and, consequently, in the Iraqi economy. United States helicopters have dropped large quantities of various denominations of Iraqi currency on border areas. Aircraft dropped large quantities on the areas of the marshes and Mandali and on the Tib border area in Maysan governorate during the period from 19 to 27 January 1992. A balloon carrying counterfeit currency was dropped on the tourist area of Ctesiphon.

As you are aware, this conduct is totally incompatible with the United States propaganda calling for the establishment of a new world order based on justice and democracy, at a time when it is pursuing its hobby of intervention in the internal affairs of States, and it also conflicts with the legal spirit of the International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency concluded at Geneva in 1929.

(Signed) Ahmad HUSSEIN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq

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* Enclosures are with the Secretariat in Room S-3520.